

folk dance; they are good friends of L. Y.S. a Lithuanian Youth Society, in which they have made many friends. Practically all the members attended the Jacobs nuptials.

## THE ATOMIZATION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

The Holy Days marking the entrance of the year 5,760 have come and gone upon the Jewish scene. In thousands of synagogues, some of them stately structures on the fashionable avenues of American cities, but many of them shattered skeletons of buildings in ravaged Europe, the clarion call of the Shofar, the ancient ram's horn, has sounded. Khaki-clad Jewish boys in the armies of occupation, and shivering transients in the collection centers for concentration camp survivors have listened to the summons to atone and repent.

Atone for what? Repent for what? Like Alfred Edward Housman's "Shropshire Lad."

"...how am I to face the odds  
Of man's bedevilment and God's?  
I, a stranger and afraid  
In a world I never made."

Rosh Ha-Shanah, the Jewish New Year, marked the end of a period which recorded the atomization of European Jewry. The skull-counters have finished their work, and it appears that our earlier pessimistic estimates were far too conservative.

Israel is again "the suffering servant" of Isaiah's prophecies. Nazism proved again that the concept of the Suffering Servant applied to the prophet's people and not merely to one of its teachers in Galilee. For His Via Dolorosa was finite, while ours is infinite; his Agony was measurable in hours, while ours is immeasurable in eons; and his Resurrections is perhaps a function of our deathlessness.

World Jewry has witnessed or experienced a tragedy that is more comprehensive, more demonic, more diabolic, than any which heretofore befell our people, long conversant with tragedy and intimate with suffering.

In the immediate past the annihilation of European Jewry has been consummated in in a thousand and one facets of pathological cruelty.

The refinements of barbarism have made puny the ancient chronicles of sadism. Christian morality has been challenged in an orgy of degeneracy and blood lust. The anti-Christ made itself incarnate in Fascist-Nazi Europe.

Would you inspect European Jewry today? Then look for the rotted corpses in Maidanek, and view the human defecation in a synagogue in Lublin, and ex-

amine a piece of ersatz soap in Munich.

Would you take a census of European Jewry today? Then count the skulls in Buchenwald, and tabulate the lunatics in Treblinka, and grade the few hundred children in re-opened Warsaw Jewish schools once populated by tens of thousands.

And a new stench arises, in its way more powerful than the odor of the slaughter. It is the smell of demonstrations in liberated France with "France for the French; crematories for the Jews" inscribed on its banners. It is the odor of pogroms in liberated Poland, an envious essay, lacking in efficiency, to emulate the methodical precision of the erstwhile conquerors of that country.

In short, the truce of common suffering is over. Themartyrs of the Warsaw ghetto are forgotten in death as they were in life and struggle, and the Jewish Maquis, the Jewish Partisan, the Jewish soldier in the Free Polish army, return from the common enterprise to resume their role in the European status quo, the role of a Pariah. V-E and V-J have come, the allied sympathy for us during our immediate mourning for European Jewry has ended, and with the end of the respectable period of official lamentation, the "friends" depart, and the close mourners are left to bear the historic consequences of the tragedy. We walk alone — again.

What of tomorrow in relation to Europe and the Jew? James Parkes, the brilliant English historian of Judaeo-Christian relations in the Middle Ages, surviving remnants of Jewish community has pointed out that time after time ties decimated by the Crusaders would crawl back in the wake of the terror, to bury their dead, clear the rubble from the synagogues, and try to make a new start, where common sense and a memory of yesterdays would have counseled them to leave.

This is not courage or optimism. It is a dull, automatic reflex of a people enslaved to the source of its own destruction, a psychopathic infatuation with the image of the torturer on the part of the tortured.

Yes, Jews are returning to Europe — returning, that is, from the forests and the cellars. They are returning, some of them, because they still cling to the myth of a common partnership with certain "forces" or "classes" in the perception of the Continent.

They are returning, some of them, because "this time it will be different." But if most of the survivors remain in Europe, it will be because the world does not permit the prey to escape the hunter.

A Brooklyn Jewish boy, writing home from liberated Europe, says: "I never knew what Zionists meant by a homeless people, until I saw Polish slave laborers streaming back to Poland after their freedom, Czech peasants crowding the highways on the way back to their farms, Russians being repatriated. But the Jews around me have no place to which to return, no land, no home to reclaim now that peace is here,"

During the Middle Ages, the Church viewed the Jews as "the vomit of Europe." Perhaps the Jew must today retch out his affinity for continued mass settlement in Europe? We have, given not a little of our genius and too much of our blood. We have, in the English-Jewish novelist, Israel Zangwill, too long been

"Slaves in eternal Egypt,  
baking our strawless bricks;  
"At ease in successive Zions,  
prattling our politics."

Let Europe evolve its own destiny and salvation, but let Europe's pitiful Jew-remnant look homeward — to the old — new home, to Palestine.

(Continued Next Month)

## JUSTICE AMONG NATIONS

(From the Bahai pamphlet "Faith for Freedom")

Religious, racial, national and political prejudice, all are subversive of the foundation of human society, all lead to bloodshed, all heap ruin upon mankind. So long as these remain, the dread of war will continue .... Disappointment and the frustration of hopes shall surround the people from every direction until they are obliged to turn to God ... When Christ said: "Whosoever shall smite thee on one cheek, turn to him the other also," it was for the purpose of teaching them not to take personal revenge. He did not mean that if a wolf should fall upon a flock of sheep and wish to destroy it, the wolf should be encouraged to do so.... What Christ meant by forgiveness and pardon is not that when nations attack you, burn your homes, plunder your goods, assault your wives, children and relatives and violate your honor, you should be submissive in the presence of these tyrannical foes, and allow them to perform all their cruelties and oppressions. No, the words of Christ refer to the conduct of two individuals toward each other, .... If any quarrel arise between two nations it must be adjudicated by (an) international court and be arbitrated and decided upon like the judgement rendered by the judge between two individuals. If at any time any nation dares to break such decision, all the other nations must arise to put down this rebellion. Abdu'l-Baha

## OVER HERE ...

Bobby Waitches S 2/C., is enjoying Navy Life. He is now at Seattle, Wash. He entered the Service only a few months ago. Bob is a talented and promising artist. While still at school (Parker High) he was voted "Campus Leader" in art, was art editor of the Yearbook "Parker Pine" and also of the school paper "Parker Press." He was president of the Senior Art League and received a major pin to the National Honor Society. All this speaks well of Bob. Bob drew a portrait of my sis, Lill, and it sure is a splendid job. Good luck to you in your new field.

The Navy Pier contributed many Folk Dance Enthusiasts who attended the classes regularly at the International House. Many of these folk dancers were graduated from their Radio Technical courses and were assigned to their ships at various ports. Some of the boys who have made friends among the International Housers and with yours truly are; Alan Kuper, Robert Kylander, Karl Lemmerman, and Peter Strong.

Peter Strong, R.T. 2/C., is an interesting chap. He was shipped to Chicago a year ago on a Sunday, and by the first Tuesday he had already located the Int. House folk dance group. He was born in Denver, Colo., and at age of two, was taken to England where he lived till a few years ago. In England he became interested in the English folk dances which interest he continue even after reaching the United States, while attending the Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., he joined the Harvard Folk Dance Society. His sister, Barbar, is a member of the Ballet Theatre which tours the country. Peter has been assigned to a ship in Boston. He is handsome and a clean-cut lad. Cheerio, old chap, and good luck.

S/Sgt. Louis Denov was sent to Reno, Nev. Thinking he was about to go across, he sent his better half back to New Haven, Conn. But after holding him for a month at Reno, they returned him to Monroe, La., once again, at present his wife is still at New Haven.

Lt. Wm. Scotty Bain was transferred to Washington, Pa., where he opened a Recruiting Office. His little woman, Bets, will soon be through with the nurses' training at Vaughn General Hospital and hopes to join Scotty. Meanwhile, he has already found a small apartment for them.

Cpl. Steve Baran was returned from Okinawa where he suffered a punctured eardrum and is now at Vaughn General Hospital from which he will soon be discharged. Steve was in the army for four years and married Nora Skamrak, a former LYS member, a year ago.

T/Sgt. Stanley Moore is home on a furlough in Jamestown, N. D. He was with the 20th Air Force stationed on Tinian and participated in the knock-out air raids on Japan for which he has plenty battle stars and Oak Leaf Clusters as well as campaign ribbons. He's been around, that lad Stan is full of interesting experiences. He anticipates an early release. While in Jamestown, he, took in some folk dancing, with which art he is quite familiar; He said: "I've not worked that hard in several years," he loved it. Stan saw Korean, Japanese and Hawaiian dances while in the Pacific.

M/Sgt. William Stuersel, Attu and European vet, who saw plenty of tough battles, is at Camp Grant and expects to be released soon. He is one guy that really should be discharged after going through all he did.

Int. House on Oct. 9th was the meeting place for furloughing lads: Joe Wasilauskas who returned from Admiralty; Art Damick, on a stop over in Chicago; and R. Schwicbrath with his wife, the former G. Kibort. It was the first time in four years I have seen them, and it was good to see them looking well. Art, Joe, Miriam Rosenbloom and I went to a restaurant and listened to their experiences in the So. Pacific describing the bugs, gnats, ants, mosquitoes, centipedes, jungle rot, malaria and all other "delights" of the romantic South Sea Isle. Phooey! The following day Art received a telegram to report for duty.

## OVER THERE ...

The last letter received from PFC Joe Z. T. McCants, was overflowing with excitement. He is on Oahu, Hawaii, where he ran across Helen Trione, T/Sgt. H. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jennings, Sr. Yes, it does seem that one finds Fairhopeans where one last expects them .... T/5 Andrew Dacovich, another Fairhopian, is in Liuchow, China. Dac, who is greatly interested in anything Chinese, is quite happy to be located there. toiaq-tsus.w

For Gallantry In Action, Cpl. Joe Lankus was acclaimed a hero with a presentation of a Silver Star and a seven page citation of his heroic deeds. It seems that Joe invaded single handed an area where many of our wounded soldiers were surrounded by Japs who were about to kill them off. He exploded out the enemy, some forty Japs, and saved our boys. It is just like Joe. He expects to be home by Xmas. Fine!

Vytautas Romanaukas, our F.B.I. agent with the CB's is so on the continuous go that not even Viltis can catch up with him. He was in Saipan, Okina-

wa, and on the 15th of Sept. left for Tokyo. He says, he'd rather be in U. S.

Lt. Ben Riall and Lawrence Stubblefield who had been in Japanese prison camps since 1942, were liberated on Sept. 8th. This is indeed good news and all Fairhope is rejoicing. They are expected to be shipped back to the States immediately.

S/Sgt. Mordy Arnold who is now on the white coral isle of Peleliu in the Palau group, says that there are no women on Peleliu, but there are some on Anguan, six miles away; they are so black and ugly that he still has no girl. Some 300 British East Indians who were liberated from a prison camp in Babelthaup are recuperating on Peleliu prior to transport to their home islands .... Brother Claude Arnold is in the Philippines thinking about peace and how wonderful it is, but wishes he were in Fairhope with his family .... Brother-in-law Bob King is on Okinawa. He spent three days "light-cave-keeping" when the boat was held up by hurricane and could not get ashore to pick him up.

My cousin Gene, now in Berlin, had a seven day furlough which he enjoyed in Nice, France. Not bad! However, his cry is still "I wanna go home to my wife." In Berlin he stays in the former LUFTWAFFE H.Q. He says "The city is really a mess."

Pfc. Alex Savulsky is learning diplomacy down in Manila. His duty is giving orders to officers, and one must handle them like overgrown babies. Al says he has grown fatter. Al not that! Weren't you fat enough?

Sailor Bill Migon MAM 1/C still sorts mail mid-seas. When his last letter was written, Oct. 1st, his CVE was in the company of five DE's (Destroyer Escorts). Bill has been in the Navy for over three years now and still hopes to circle the world. In Hawaii, he saw hula danced, and he says they weren't worth shaking a hip at. On Sept. 20th, in Okinawa, he experienced a typhoon and was thoroughly soaked. Now he earned his title "Salty". Evenings, "Salty" is studying conversational German, Russian and Modern History.

Kazy Kawalski SC 1/C expects to be "Over Here" soon. He is in Wakayama, Japan .... Lt. Jimmy Casebere wrote his last letter from Manila but he doesn't know whether his destination is Japan or USA .... Cpl. Jon Beck Shank is teaching a class of History of Music at the U. of Hawaii .... Pfc. Joe Simbal is now in the Japanese main isle of Hokkaido and heads the Photo Dept. Before leaving Ie Shima he also experienced the typhoon that cause so much damage through that part of the country.